

# Council Gets Weed Abatement Proposal Tuesday

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# Woman Confesses Local Slaying

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"Do you think female workers produce a better quality of work than men?" the Pennies photographer asked.

Wilber Fetzer, 21337 Payne Ave.

"I think men and women are fairly even. Women in their line of work are equal. I think they have more patience as far as detail goes."



David K. Lyman, 1305 Teri

"Women are more precise than men in regard to work. Women have more patience sometimes, especially in retail stores, etc."

Mrs. Jay Powell, 1690 Crenshaw Blvd.

"I don't think so. It's fairly even. Of course, the type of job a woman makes a difference. In some cases a job is not a career for a woman but a man generally has a family, has to work so he must produce good quality work."



Mrs. Dudley Harris, 2725 Normal

"Yes, it depends upon what kind of work a woman does. I think women are a little more patient. I think women worry a little more and are a little more conscientious about their work."

Mrs. William Tyler, 2513 Highcliff Dr.

"I think women are better because they pay attention to detail work on jobs where you find both men and women working in the same occupation."

## Peebles Says Weeds Pose Huge Problem

A recommendation that the city's weed abatement program be reactivated was made this week by City Manager Wade Peebles, who pointed out in a report to members of the City Council that calls concerning weed problems are becoming "quite numerous."

In his recommendation, however, Peebles steered clear of the rubbish removal problems which plagued the city during recent years.

HE RECOMMENDED that weed abatement only be con-

sidered, and that during the work on such a program, that data on rubbish be collected and reported to the Council at a later date.

His recommendation will be placed before the City Council at its 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday.

## SC Admits Four With 'Honors'

Three seniors at South High School and one at Torrance High have been admitted to the University of Southern California with honors.

They are Carl A. Olson, 1632 Elm, of Torrance High, and Sharon Lee Bergstrom of 5044 Newton St., Richard Clark Mallory of 4213 Paseo De Las Tortugas, John Francis Brooks of 420 Calle Mayor, all of South High.

Dr. Norman Topping, USC president, notified the prospective students of the award based upon a high school grade average of 3.75 or better — almost all "A's."

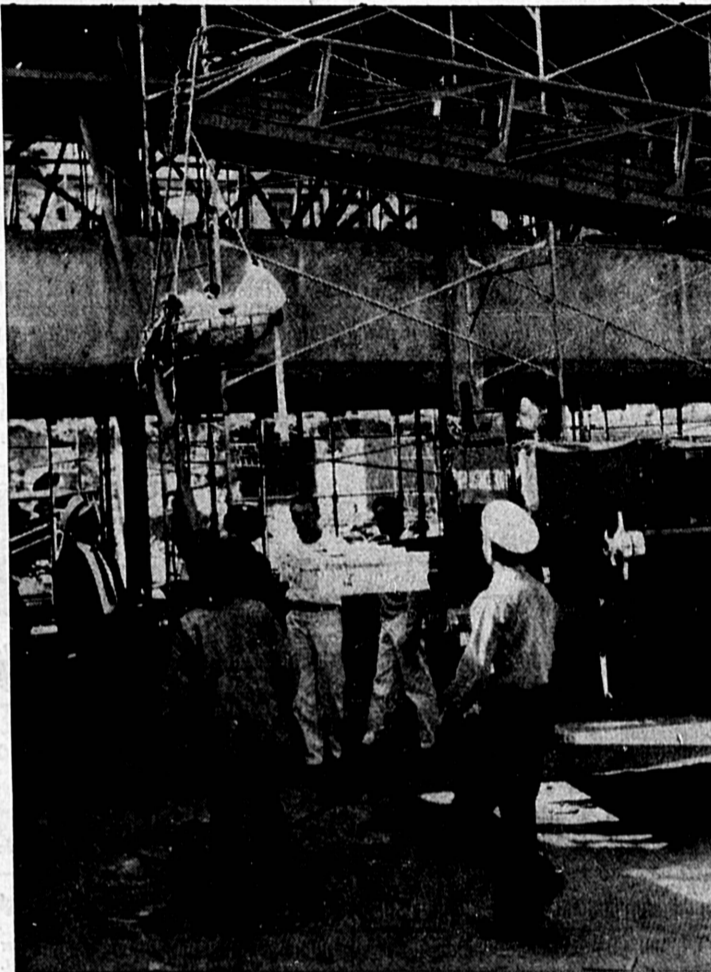
Few students enter USC with such an outstanding scholastic record, President Topping said. In fact, most recently, the Honors-at-Entrance award was made to only 147 students in a class of 1600.

OTHER MATTERS scheduled to get consideration Tuesday include a public hearing on the Cabrillo Avenue street assessment district, and consideration of the Walteria Lake drainage system proposed by City Engineer Walter Nollac.

Also scheduled for discussion before the Council is the request of David K. Lyman for a check on voting in combined Precinct No. 46 at the April 10 municipal election in which 229 electors with three votes each cast only 185 votes for City Council candidates.

IN REPORTING the matter to the Council, Gale Whitacre, who was acting city clerk for the election, and Stanley Remelmeier, city attorney, state that only a court can open the voted ballots at this time. Election returns were tabulated by the city clerk's office from the official tally sheet prepared in the precinct.

Lyman told the HERALD earlier this week that he did not plan to press for a court inquiry into the matter.



WORKER RESCUED . . . Firemen use aerial ladder and sling to lower Jacob Crawford, 31, from roof of building under construction at Torrance High School after he received a heavy electrical shock while working on the project. He was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and released. Two co-workers received heavy electrical shocks but were not injured, officials reported. (Herald Photo)

## Police Seek Extradition For Suspects

A woman serving a forgery sentence in Florida has admitted she participated in the slaying of a Redondo Beach milkman here last Sept. 12, according to Police Chief Percy G. Bennett.

Questioned by Torrance Det. Lt. Don Hamilton and Sgt. R. A. Hopkinson of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's homicide detail was Peggy Erbland, 20, who is in custody in the Florida Institution for Women in Lowell, Fla.

Implicated by the woman's statement was Jack Abbott Jr., 23, who is serving a sentence in the Florida Institution for Men in Raiford, Fla. Abbott has made no comment on the woman's confession.

TORRANCE AND Sheriff's officers were summoned to Florida when Miss Erbland confessed a part in the slaying of Charles J. B. Miller, whose body was dumped on the West High School grounds.

A first degree murder complaint was issued by J. Miller Leavy, deputy District Attorney, in the Inglewood Superior Court Tuesday on information supplied by Florida officials.

Extradition to California is now being sought, officials said.

THE ERBLAND woman told officers she and Abbot met Miller in a Torrance bar the night of the slaying. She said the trio drove to Abbot's apartment where Miller was hit on the head with a flower pot and a small amount of money taken from him.

The victim was then loaded into his own car, she said, and he was beaten and stabbed before being dumped at the West High School site.

## Final Bid In Cancer Drive Set

The annual fund-raising effort of American Cancer Society entered the home stretch in local communities today, receipts behind last year at this time.

District Crusade chairman, H. P. Atherton Jr., issued a final appeal to all local residents to support the vital work of American Cancer Society.

Atherton pointed out that the society's research, education and service program for the coming year is geared directly to the success of this drive.

Mrs. James R. Friend directed volunteers in the dramatic house-to-house appeal.

Anyone wishing to give who has not been contacted may still put his dollars into the fight against cancer by calling OR 2-8148 or sending his contribution to American Cancer Society headquarters in Inglewood at 804 E. Manchester Blvd.

Crusade Chairman Atherton also issued an offer to provide free information on the seven danger signals to anyone who was missed on the giant house-to-house march earlier this month. For this free material, local residents may call headquarters.

## Trial Ordered in Slaying Of Two Business Partners

A Torrance man charged with shooting two former business associates because they refused to accept him back into their company was ordered to stand trial for murder when he appeared before Municipal Court Judge William E. MacFaden Friday.

Wesley D. Johnson, who had lived at 5216 Beran St., was ordered bound over for arraignment in Inglewood Superior Court on May 11 on the murder charge. He was jailed without bail pending the May arraignment.

Johnson was arrested in the Hollywood Riviera apartment

of his mother on April 13 after two former associates, Edward J. Mello, 38, and Richard Jones, 35, were shot to death while they worked in the office of the South Bay Insulating Co. in Redondo Beach.

A third man, Joseph J. Ambriz, was present during the shooting, but fell to the floor and was apparently left for dead. He escaped without injuries.

The shooting touched off an area wide search for Johnson who was arrested about five hours later. He told arresting officers he had done the shooting.

## Two Speakers At Coin Club

Two members of the Society of International Numismatists spoke recently at a meeting of the Torrance Coin Club.

They were Pauline Ney, who

is also a member of the local coin club, and John Barnes. Ney's talk was entitled "Santa Monica Breakwater Tokens," and Barnes talked on "US Philippine Coins."

## Open House Slated For Hospital Week

The general public has been invited to attend open house at Little Company of Mary Hospital during National Hospital Week, May 6 through 12. Doors will be open to the public from 2:30 to 5 p.m. daily from Sunday, May 6 through Tuesday, May 8, and again from Thursday, May 10 through Saturday, May 12. Wednesday, May 9, has been reserved for hospital employees and their families.

The purpose of the open house celebration, in addition to noting National Hospital Week, is to give residents the opportunity to view the behind the scenes' operation of a modern hospital, and to acquaint themselves with the medical facilities available to them.

Tours through the \$3½ million hospital will be conducted daily during the hours of open house. Members of the Junior and Senior Auxiliaries will assist hospital personnel in greeting visitors and guiding them through the institution. Refreshments will also be served. Everyone over 14 years of age is invited to attend.

This year's theme of National Hospital Week is "Your Hospital . . . Uniting Science and Patient Care." In keeping with this theme, hospital personnel will explain to the visitors how scientific advances have been translated into life-saving equipment, medications, and medical techniques, and are then passed on to the patient by physicians, nurses and other medical personnel.



OFFICIAL GREETING . . . Bobbet King, Miss Armed Forces Day, greets and invites members of armed forces to join with the City of Torrance in celebrating the annual patriotic event to be held Saturday, May 19. A 10:30 a.m. parade on Torrance Boulevard and an all-day military equipment display at Torrance Civic Center will mark the day. With Bobbet from the left are: Chief Boatswain Mate H. J. Piech, USN; Staff Sgt. Lester Rickman, USMC; M/Sgt. James J. Catena, USA; and M/Sgt. James Le Fevre, USAF. All of the non-commissioned officers are recruiting specialists for the Torrance area.



PROUD PARENTS . . . Dodger pitcher Joseph Mohr and his wife, Elizabeth, look with pride at their son, born Wednesday at Little Company of Mary hospital. Sister Angela displays the 9 pound 14 ounce boy. Mohr, 19, and his wife, 18, reside in Manhattan Beach where he attended Mira Coast High. This is Mohr's second year with the Dodgers. (Herald Photo)

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